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For: BACK LIGHT DEVICE AND LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, and 6-10 as follows:

1. (Amended) A back light device comprising:
- a light source;
  - a lightconductor in a substantial plate form comprising a front face, a back face and side end faces,
  - light radiated from the light source and made incident on the one of the side end faces being [outputted] output as diffused light from a light outputting surface which is the front face;
  - at least one light diffusing sheet for receiving, on its face, the diffused light [outputted] output from the light outputting surface of the lightconductor, and outputting the

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